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Howard's 9/13,20 and enc. carbon dated 9/13
Dick's 9/17

The carbon is a pretty good letter, I think perhaps somewhat counter-productive in being too gently and understated. Any further comment might tend to influence Dick's thinking. I'll be enclosing mine, since you have already formulated your opinions. K've had no response.

Re speeches: I've found similar reaction, although I've made no recent appearances. I approach in terms of integrity of society, which includes poss. coup and functioning and integrity of government, etc.

While I have no urgent need for it, the Minuteman book might be interesting. A fellow named Smith is supposed to have written a definitive one. He is a reporter on a Kansas newspaper.

Let you (both) know when I get blowups. No rush shirt negatives. Apparently Dick never got prints, Teddy file, for he's made no comment. It was insured.

I did consider possibility Alvarez was pressuring Hoch but have no substantiation.

I am very interested in Govt response to Nichols suit, esp. affidavits. Unless I indicate otherwise before mailing this, Bud doesn't have it. I have call in.

Check on shirt analyses. Also comments on poss. washing, which would have been crazy. But is there anything that could "fix" or deodorize stains other than washing?

1963 history book/ coup/CIA not mil- those pages would be very interesting.

Dick, apparently Archives sent similar letters (Exkhoff's 8/20) to all who had asked. Glad to get. I have separate file such things, for use in court, if necessary...Donnis Olson...Mayhew, nothing new. He says he is coming and would like nothing more than to get my materials...Z- prints not yet delivered. Will be by hand. I'd wait before making slides of my 35 print until I am certain I'll not have a better set. It is possible. I have a very good 16, good as or better than any I've seen anywhere....Brown, right. Thanks. Will read Operation Phoenix piece soon as can. I've heard ~~from~~ from a possibly mentally ill woman who claims her former husband was part of that that and of "Haylift"....HR-Bud does not have Nichols stuff....Pullout. There is and I've long had much more. What you cite is true but very understated. I suggest that by this time JFK was not completely briefing as many as he had begun to on taking office, ~~xxxx~~ hadn't been since late 1962. O'Donnell either held back or was not fully informed. But he is right...JG's book retitled, from "A heritage of Stone". If I knew new title, forget. Not scheduled October. I have no word of it from him. Or of anything else...Shirt front: when you get pictures (and if you haven't, tell me so I can go after P.O., for this and clips were insured), I think you'll be convinced not only that there is no bullet hole but that it is in fact impossible for there to have been one in garments...Clip: somewhere I have print of Day carrying, some from Alyea. Can't find Day. Palmer has Alyea 16. One of my Alyea prints may confirm. Taken at downward angle, trigger is visible but no projections for clip. Checking this for you leads to rather interesting observations. CE 139 as used in 1303 (inc WR82) is not the same as CE139 164512. And, the position of remounted scope may be enough to explain FBI disinterest in Alyea: the scope as rifle was found is perhaps several inches forward of any subsequent representation. With my eyes, this would preclude use! If interesting to you, let me know and I'll get best possible prints/enlargements made. I will sure use this in Agent Oswald!

If not in court first. You may remember, mine works. You used it, as did Chuck ^Wodak. Now, mine was mounted as per the printed pictures, by an expert. If this scope is like that on my 22, then the distance, certainly more than one inch, is enough for scope on rifle as found to be out of focus. In any event, it is irrefutable proof of conscious invalidity of mounting in DC. Understand, what ^I have is the earliest possible picture, even if staged after the first were taken, with Fritz holding. I think it unlikely any change was taen made. We should compare Curry 54 also. Sprague should have good prints. My God, if this is right, then we have the suppressed proof that rifle couldn't have been used! And the FBI's guilty knowledge! Or, can it be compensated for by moving the eye? But, of course, the eye cannot be moved forward if the bolt is in the way. In this Alyea print, the back end of the scope is apporximately where the back enf of the pulled-back bolt is. You'll have to check this, for ^I may be all wrong.

Sincerely,